

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Greater
Minnesota Gas, Inc., a Wholly Owned
Subsidiary of Greater Minnesota Synergy,
Inc., for Authority to Increase Rates for
Natural Gas Service in the State of
Minnesota

SECOND PREHEARING ORDER

A telephone prehearing conference was held before Administrative Law Judge Richard C. Luis, on March 16, 2007, at 11:00 a.m.

Appearances:

Eric F. Swanson, Winthrop & Weinstine, 225 South Sixth Street, Suite 3500, Minneapolis, MN 55402, appeared on behalf of Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG or Greater Minnesota). Nissa Olson and Ann Tessier of GMG were also present.

Julia Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, MN 55101, and Vincent Chavez, Public Utility Rates Evaluation Supervisor, appeared on behalf of the Department of Commerce.

Commission staff Robert C. Harding, Rates Analyst, and Gerald Dasinger, Financial Analyst were present.

Discussion was held among the participants concerning the proposed schedule, what discovery remained outstanding, what date would be appropriate for holding the evidentiary hearing and what notice to the public was needed regarding the new date for that hearing. The Administrative Law Judge makes the following Prehearing Order.

Schedule

5. The schedule in this matter is amended as follows:

Pre-Filed Direct Testimony	March 2, 2007
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Public Hearing (New Prague)	March 5, 2007
Discovery Responses	April 5, 2007 (tentative)
Evidentiary Hearing (Oral Surrebuttal Allowed)	April 12, 2007
Posthearing Briefs	To be determined
Posthearing Replies	To be determined
ALJ Report	To be determined
MPUC Hearing (estimated)	To be determined
MPUC Final Order (10-month Deadline)	August 23, 2007

6. The April 12, 2007 evidentiary hearing will begin on April 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Hearing Room at the Public Utilities Commission in Saint Paul. Notice of the hearing will be posted on the OAH website and included in the PUC calendar. GMG will mail a notice of the new hearing date to all attendees of the public hearing in New Prague on March 5, 2007 who provided a mailing address.

Prefiled Testimony

7. As noted in the First Prehearing Order, prefiled testimony will be designated and received as hearing exhibits. Counsel should have a paper copy of each exhibit that has been E-filed for use by the witness and an additional copy for the ALJ. The sponsoring party will provide the unique E-file system identifying number of the prefiled document and the Administrative Law Judge will assign a hearing exhibit number to that document.¹ The paper copy is for use at the hearing and will not constitute the record copy. Any document that is offered as an exhibit that has not been E-filed will be identified as the record copy. After the hearing, OAH staff will prepare a hearing exhibit list that notes whether the exhibit is paper or E-filed and allow for direct access to the E-filed exhibits.

¹ For example, the Direct Testimony of Ann Tessier has the unique E-file number of 3374784. (See <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/ShowFile.do?DocNumber=3374784>).

Dated this 19th day of March, 2007.

/s/ Richard C. Luis

RICHARD C. LUIS
Administrative Law Judge

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